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KAZUTOSHI SHINDO, ET AL. : EXAMINER:
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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING :
PICOLINIC ACID COMPOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION TO COMPLY

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Communication dated May 14, 2007, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.